(b) whether P.M.O. has also directed that no building would come up there; and

(c) if so, how the Andhra Pradesh Government propose to build a Stadium complex on Bison Polo Ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SYED SHAHANAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Financing 2006 Asian Games

1547. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has made a strong case for hosting the Asian Games, 2006 in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government expect to raise finances for such grand plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since India is the pioneer in the Asian Games Movement and has the honour of holding the 1st Asian Games in 1951 and IXth Asian Games in 1982, Indian Olympic Association, an apex body of National Sports Federation, has submitted the bid documents to Olympic Council of Asia. Olympic Council of Asia will take the decision in November, 2000 in its General Assembly meeting.

(c) Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has got a marketing wing which raises the funds through T.V. and sponsorship. Olympic Association of India, the apex body for holding the Games, is expected to raise about USD 200/- million through OCA marketing wing in 2006 Asian Games.

Promotion of Sports in NER

1548. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task report is being prepared for improvement of sports and youth welfare in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the target set and by which date the report is expected to be submitted;

(c) the implementation status of the proposal for creation of North-East Sports Academy; and

(d) the specific schemes, if any, taken up for promotion of adventure sports activities in the Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Task Force for formulating a composite plan of action for the development and promotion of Sports & Youth Affairs in the North-Eastern Region including Sikkim was constituted on 6th March, 2000. Its first meeting was held on 19th April, 2000 wherein a decision was taken to constitute two sub-groups *viz.* Infrastructure and Finance Groups to assist the Task Force in the drawal of the Action Plan. On receipt of the reports of these aforesaid groups, the Task Force will prepare a final report for which the deadline 31st August, 2000.